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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: IAC Agencies' Views on NIE-50: "Probable Developments in Eastern Germany through 1952"

1. In paragraph 4,* the words "including some of its military forces" should be inserted after "mechanisms." These words were omitted inadvertently. Their insertion makes paragraph 4* conform to paragraph 10* in the Discussion. Possibly it was their omission which prompted the Air Force reservation given in 2 a below.

2. Actual difference of view was limited to two points only, as follows:

a. The Air Force thought it desirable not to exclude (re paragraphs 4 and 10) the possibility of a Soviet withdrawal from East Germany to secure a demilitarized and neutral Germany. The other agencies and the Board believe such withdrawal is extremely unlikely, at least in 1952, largely on the overwhelming evidence of Soviet intent to integrate East Germany with the Soviet orbit and on the fact that withdrawal would cause the Soviets to lose very great economic, military, and political advantages as described in the estimate.

b. G-2 thinks that there is insufficient evidence to support any estimate (paragraph 36)* concerning the likelihood of expansion of the East German Alert Police in 1952. The other agencies and the Board believe an estimate on this point should be made and that the indications are sufficient to warrant the tentative conclusion reached.

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*See TABS

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